



# **IIJA Update**

Transportation Coordinating Committee
August 4, 2023

- PROTECT Grant Application
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program The Stitch
- History of TIGER / BUILD / RAISE Awards





#### PROTECT Grant Application

- ARC Natural Resources Department is requesting \$1.5 million
- Applications due August 18
- Will develop a Resiliency Improvement Plan
  - Model to identify areas with current / future flood or heat risk
  - ► Recommendations on strategies, design standards and other project features to reduce risk
  - Identify priority projects for future PROTECT infrastructure grants (can be funded at 90% federal)





- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program
  - \$3.35 billion available this year (IIJA plus IRA funding)
  - Applications are due September 28
  - City of Atlanta and Central Atlanta Progress are considering a <u>major</u> funding request for a first phase of construction of The Stitch
  - The Stitch envisions capping I-75/85 between Spring Street and Piedmont Avenue and includes greenspace, new street connections, bike/ped facilities and MARTA Civic Center station improvements to reconnect Downtown and Midtown and incentivize redevelopment
  - ARC is assisting in ongoing coordination/collaboration discussions with MARTA and GDOT
  - More detailed information will be provided at the August 18 TCC meeting





- History of TIGER / BUILD / RAISE Awards
  - Analysis conducted by ENO Center for Transportation
  - Period covered is from 2009 to 2023
  - Published in July 24, 2023 issue of Transportation Weekly





#### LARGE POPULATION STATES

Rank	<b>State</b>	<b>Capital Grants</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Population</b>	SG to SP
1	California	\$804,071,678	5.77%	11.71%	49%
2	Texas	\$615,583,023	4.42%	9.01%	49%
3	Florida	\$445,576,941	3.20%	6.67%	48%
4	New York	\$452,459,556	3.25%	5.90%	55%
5	Pennsylvania	\$422,324,764	3.03%	3.89%	78%
6	Illinois	\$594,175,777	4.27%	3.78%	113%
7	Ohio	\$279,168,743	2.00%	3.53%	57%
8	Georgia	\$258,113,445	1.85%	3.27%	57%
9	North Carolina	\$453,476,921	3.26%	3.21%	101%
10	Michigan	\$263,911,285	1.90%	3.01%	63%

<sup>\*</sup> Analysis by Eno Center for Transportation; Transportation Weekly; July 24, 2023





#### **SMALL POPULATION STATES**

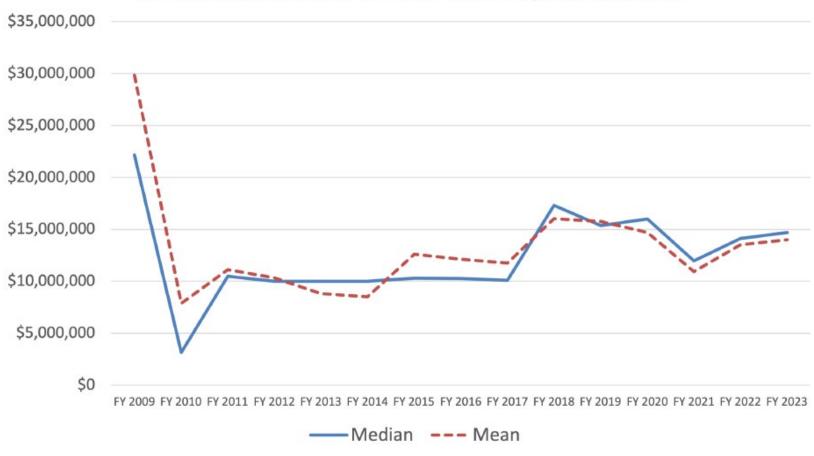
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Rank	<b>State</b>	<b>Capital Grants</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Population</b>	SG to SP
48	Alaska	\$193,794,837	1.39%	0.22%	632%
46	South Dakota	\$207,007,094	1.49%	0.27%	545%
42	Maine	\$299,470,454	2.15%	0.42%	517%
44	Rhode Island	\$221,600,138	1.59%	0.33%	485%
49	Vermont	\$116,820,015	0.84%	0.19%	432%
43	Montana	\$189,446,381	1.36%	0.34%	404%
47	North Dakota	\$121,324,780	0.87%	0.23%	373%
40	Hawaii	\$193,652,110	1.39%	0.43%	322%
45	Delaware	\$120,249,850	0.86%	0.31%	283%
50	Wyoming	\$50,777,700	0.36%	0.17%	209%
41	New Hampshire	\$78,149,245	0.56%	0.42%	134%

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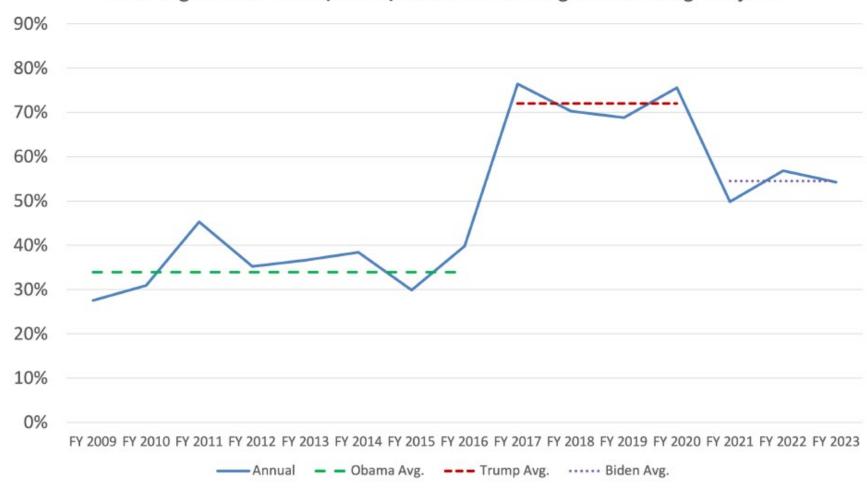








#### Percentage of Total TIGER/BUILD/RAISE Grants Going to Road-Bridge Projects







# What's the Takeaway?

- Smaller states seem to have an inherent competitive advantage for some reason
- It helps to have friends in high places
- Funding priorities change significantly between administrations
- Projects must demonstrate technical merit, but final decisions are still heavily based on national politics
- Must understand which way the wind is blowing and adapt accordingly
- This is where ARC can add value as you consider submitting applications









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